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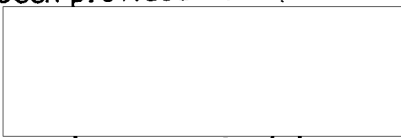
Mr. Robert R. Simmons  
Staff Director  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rob,

As you know, we have been working to improve communications and coordination among the intelligence producers with respect to research and production programs.

In support of this effort, the Intelligence Producers Council has just put into effect a set of procedures for the exchange of information on external research and analysis. This is the first step in a rather laborious process; however, the managers recognize the benefits of working together and the exchange of information on contract proposals has already begun.

I am enclosing a copy of the procedures for your information. A copy has also been provided Tom Latimer.

  
Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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